

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, November 29

Monday of the First Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

Thursday of the First Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 3

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

Saturday of the First Week of Advent

Live-Streamed Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Scripture Reflection

*Teach me your paths, / guide me in your truth
(Psalm 25:4 – 5).*

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

11/15 – 11/21

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| Sunday Offering | \$ 4,421.23 |
| Weekday Offering & Coffers | \$ 1,251.16 |
| Online Giving | \$ 2,129.00 |
| Other Feasts & Solemnities | \$ 80.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 7,881.39 |

Other Collection

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$ 473.30 |
| Campaign Human Development | \$ 225.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ 50.00 |
| Holy Day | \$ 237.00 |
| Others (Gallery, Candles, Baptisms) | \$ 1,430.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,296.69 |

Living the Liturgy

- Write a new year's letter to yourself during the weeks of Advent, outlining your hopes for living the Gospel during this coming year. Save the letter and open it at the beginning of Advent next year. Share your insights and reflections with family or friends now and later.
- Create a roadmap or timeline laying out your past life journey as you have tried to be a faithful follower of the Messiah. Use drawings, symbols, or images. A small group or family could tell their history together or recount what they've done, discussed, or faced together as a group. Continue to trace this coming year on your own or together with your group.
- Discuss with a group or your family how you might keep the Advent season holy without the cultural and societal demands of the Christmas season pressuring you to stop anticipating and start celebrating early.

Sharing the Faith

- Name one way you will focus yourself spiritually during Advent.
- Where do you want God to enter your life this Advent? How will you prepare this place for the Messiah?
- What is one Christmas custom you could delay during Advent so you can better focus on being ready and vigilant for the Lord's coming?

Saint of the Week

God being perfect becomes perfect man and brings to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only new thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of God is manifested. For what greater thing is there than that God should become man? - St. John of Damascus (676-749), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 4.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 | 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 | Psalm 85:8 | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A new year! Sometimes it is amazing how time flies. Once again, with the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year — Year C in the three-year Lectionary cycle of readings. In this year, the Gospel readings are primarily taken from Luke's account of the Gospel. The liturgical year is not in sync with the 2010 calendar year which begins January 1. This now is the beginning of our new year, a time of hope and fresh insight. What better way to begin than by inviting the Lord to teach and guide us!

Today's readings give us a focus not only for Advent, but also for the entire year. God desires justice and reminds us to be faithful to our covenant as his people. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the love that bonds this community to Christ and tells them to continue the work of upholding the covenant. Jesus tells his disciples to be ready and vigilant at all times. Do not give up hope, stay faithful to the covenant, be ready, and love one another — these sound like good new year's resolutions!

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Second Sunday of Advent"

Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 | Luke 3:4, 6 | Luke 3:1-6

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"To You O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul." Psalm 25: 1

It looks like the fast pace of life is upon us once again. We scramble for what we need to accomplish before Christmas comes and as the year comes to a close. Lots of names to put in our list and what gifts to buy and give. O, remember the food, clothing, jewelry, and accessories to wear, and thus our list goes on and on. STOP!

Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, are all these necessary? If you think they are, take time to think of the people who cannot even have decent clothing to wear or food to eat on their table? Think of the people fleeing their country who became refugees of other nations where their feet lead them? Think of the families who are grieving for the loss of a loved one during the pandemic. What about those who have lost their jobs because of the difficult situation that the pandemic brought into the world? Think of our life's journey where it is heading to? The relationships we have, the work we do, the faith we live? Are they not all wonderful and pleasing? Or does it need some transformation, if not a total one, to live our lives better, if not the best? Don't you think we need to STOP for a moment from the hustle and bustle of life and be more aware of what is happening in our lives, our families, our nation, and our world?

Greetings of Merry Christmas to Happy Holidays. Throughout the years, we have lost our focus on Christ Himself, the source of all the celebrations that are ahead of us. We have turned our Holy Days to holidays. And losing the meaning of Advent as a time for preparation for the Lord's Coming and His Birth. We have lost the essence of this season into merry-making and worldly lures of materialism. Let it not be so.

Our Lord calls us to a halt today to deepen more our relationship with Him. To know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. For if our minds and hearts are focused on Him, then our ways, thoughts, words, values, and whole-being is formed accordingly.

Advent is upon us. A time to prepare our whole being, our soul more focused on God, our neighbor, and ourselves. And when that day and time that the Lord will come, we can pray like the Psalmist, *"To You O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul."*

God's grace is always upon us. He gives us a lot of opportunities to grow in our faith and life. Let us take the Season of Advent as a time of grace and be open to where the Lord will lead us, especially going through the tough challenges in life brought about by the pandemic. Let us offer these days of the season to commit ourselves more and more to Christ.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual



THE OUTREACH MINISTRY WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL SUNDAY MASSES ON DECEMBER 4-5 AND 11-12 TO COLLECT THE GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THE EARTHLY ANGELS CHRISTMAS PROJECT. WE WILL ALSO COLLECT ANY MEN'S OR WOMEN'S CLOTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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